

Mother To Visit Son In Peiping Prison

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Honolulu, Aug. 4. — Mrs. Mary Downey, of New Britain, Conn., left Honolulu today en route to Communist China to visit her son, serving a life sentence in prison in Peiping.

Mrs. Downey, a school teacher, has a visa for a two-week stay in Red China, beginning August 11.

Her son, John Downey, 30, a civilian employee of the United States Army, was jailed eight years ago on an espionage charge. She last saw him in January, 1958, when she was permitted to visit Peiping for three weeks.

She left today for Hong Kong aboard a Pan American plane.